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Mission Statement: To provide quality service to the public and operating departments and to ensure excellent financial management and maximum operational efficiencies.

Description: <!-- /* Style Definitions */ p.MsoNormal, li.MsoNormal, div.MsoNormal {mso-style-parent:""; margin:0in; margin-bottom:.0001pt; mso-pagination:widow-orphan; font-size:12.0pt; font-family:"Times New Roman"; mso-fareast-font-family:"Times New Roman";} @page Section1 {size:8.5in 11.0in; margin:1.0in 1.25in 1.0in 1.25in; mso-header-margin:.5in; mso-footer-margin:.5in; mso-paper-source:0;} div.Section1 {page:Section1;} --> By utilizing accepted mass appraisal techniques, the Board of Assessors ensures that all real and personal property within the Town is assessed at its full and fair cash value. This results in each property owner assuming a fair share of the property tax, the largest single source of revenue for the Town. The Assessors' office performs all the administrative functions necessary for the annual approval of the tax rates by the State Department of Revenue. In addition, the Assessors also administer the motor vehicle excise tax and process all appeals of property tax and excise assessments. The Assessors' office is responsible for the maintenance of the tax maps, and the maintenance of data regarding the ownership, legal status, and descriptive land and building information for all property within the Town and serves as the clearinghouse for such information for the general public and other Town departments. The Board of Assessors is made up of three members elected to staggered three-year terms, and is supported in the Assessors' office.

Governed by provisions found mostly in Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the elected three-member Board of Assessors is obligated each year to assess all real and personal property within the town at its fair cash value as of January 1, for the purpose of ad valorem taxation. Accordingly, the assessors and their staff develop and maintain extensive records to catalogue and assess all property within the town.

FY10 Tax Rates:

Residential - \$13.08
Open Space - \$9.81
C/I/P - \$29.51

